

Remarks


Claims 2-4 and 11-13 have been canceled. Claims 1, 5-10 and 14-18 remain.

Claims 3-6, 8, 12-15 and 17-18 have been indicated to be allowable if amended to be in independent form and to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent claim 1 now includes the limitations of claims 3 and 4, and independent claim 10 now includes the limitations of claims 12 and 13. The amendments have also corrected the basis for the claim objections stated in paragraph 2 of the Office Action.

Applicants believe that all remaining claims are now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney if a telephone conference will expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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